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[Abstract:] Relative to Mr. Brinkle Dismissal.

706 Walnut St. Phila.
June 1, 1886

My dear Mr. Fox:

Your letter of the 26th of May was handed to me. I read it with great pains. As you stated your case and as it has been represented to you by others I felt assured that you intended no wrong, but that you were acting under a conviction of duty and very hard necessity that gave you regrets. I deferred replying to it until I had heard from Mrs. Brinkle and her son. When Mrs. Brinkle brought to me the letter of dismissal that had been sent to her son by your command, I said to her at once "Mrs. Brinkle this is not the act of Mr. Fox, for he told me that he would not remove this gentleman without advising me. I have known him all my life and I know him to be a man of his word, and I know to that he is a man of a noble, gentle nature. This is no doubt prompted by some necessity put upon him from Washington – now if it is from Washington, the sooner you go there the better and I advise you at once to go by the first train to Washington and have your kinsman Mr. Love and my friend Mr. Randall stop this order, which must be very peremptory, and in that way protect Mr. Fox from being obliged to insist upon your sons removal. I then added to her if on the other hand this is an act in Mr. Fox's office and the Department at Washington has had nothing to do with it, it must be something that Mr. Fox was prompted to do by a subordinate or some evil disposed person of which perhaps he has not a clear knowledge. I will therefore while you are gone, appeal to him personally and have him examine into the matter which I have no doubt he has not been permitted to understand fully; for in the multitude of things he has to do, and the number of people he has about him, a removal like this might be made, without it being sufficiently and clearly brought to his personal knowledge. I will therefore myself, either in person or by letter fully explain the subject – send your son to me and go to Washington at once." Mrs. Brinkle followed my advice took a letter to Mr. Randall and went to Washington and saw a kinsman of her, and her friend, and my friend Mr. Randall. In advising the lady in this way I felt I was not only protesting her in the strongest way that I could, but also feel that if as I believed the act done, was done by an order from Washington over which you had no control, that I was securing and protesting you. If you saw fit to recommend a retraction of that order. I wrote you and you have the letter: you gave me a very plain, manly reply – Since then I have withheld the answer until I could learn from Mrs. Brinkle all that had happened. She has reported to me and now I understand the subject fully, and I again with a full knowledge of all the facts connected with this case, respectfully, earnestly, urgently ask you to retract your order and replace that young man, or you may ruin him, and that I know you never will do – neither your mind or your heart would permit you to do that. Now let me say a word or two to you upon the facts of this case: the mistakes or errors which you have had reported to you, have not been truthfully and justly reported. In the first place the young gentleman has not been guilty of mistakes, in the plural number all that has been proved against him or charged against him was one small error. Remember now how long he has been in the service of the Mint, in his responsible position and remembering that I may safely say to you it is a harsh judgement that would for a matter of a little over Forty dollars, deprive him of his place and drive him out when that error was a much the error of Mr. Du Bois as it was his: and it was

an error committed by accident in calculation and no more. If all were to be judged in that way Mr. Eckfelt and Mr. McIntyre, as the record will show, and I am advised have committed repeated errors, that have been detected in the Department at Washington and then ordered to be corrected – now this I allude to as a lawyer would, as an act of justice to this young gentleman. It is I that have alluded to this: the young man was obliged to tell me the whole story – upon a very rigid cross examination by me: for I felt the force of all that you said us to the necessity of your being protected in an office of such great responsibility from the reckless blunders of incompetent people – and I had resolved that if in my examination it appeared that the young man merited the criticism that you put on September 10th last wherein no man could bear stronger testimony as to industry, accuracy, fidelity, integrity and above all general deportment, as a subordinate official to his superiors, than Mr. Eckfelt testifies in behalf of that man – for the whole time he was in the service of the Mint: and over his signature recommends him in the strongest terms for employment elsewhere, asking the confidence of everybody in his behalf. This startled me – the young man then told me under this same system of cross examination, what is a ratification of that letter a recent one. He was married within a month to the daughter of a clergyman of character in this city: and when this marriage, an honorable marriage took place everyone of the officers of the Assay Department testified their regard for him by sending him a wedding gift in their united name as a token of their respect and esteem for him, and that very gift was selected and transmitted by Mr. DuBois – now sir there can be, I submit to you, both as my friend and as an intelligent gentleman, there can be no stronger evidence to you in favor of this young man's character, deportment and the esteem and regard he was held in by all of the Department, than this. How then can it be said that he lacked a spirit of subordination and for that reason was not acceptable and ought to be dismissed. Both Mr. Eckfeldt and Mr. Du Bois were appealed to by Mr. Brinkle when he has received this order for dismissal. We went to them as he ought to have done, believing he went to friends; to learn from them if he could what it was that had thus suddenly dismissed him: and leaning upon them as friends to help him, for they had prompted him to believe in their friendship. They took him into their room, closed the door and had a talk with him and they told him they had done and said everything in their power to have him retained. But that they found out that you (Mr. Fox) had a good man you wanted to put in and that he must go, and they knew it was no use to argue about it. Mr. Du Bois then told him that he (Mr. Du Bois) had said to Mr. Fox that Mr. Brinkle would live up to every order he might issue and that he never failed to do his work. Mr. Eckfelt said he had not slept the night before, worrying over Mr. Brinkle's discharge. He felt so sorry for he had tried so hard to have him retained. One word now Mr. Fox – you have a right to be protected – you ought to be protected in the discharge of those duties which you do discharge so creditably so ably. Your responsibilities are enormous and those under you ought to be as responsible as you are, according to the positions they hold. Mr. Brinkle has given a Bond for the faithful performance of his duties, wherein his mother is the obliger, and she is known by me to be a woman of considerable property. She owns real estate that is not worth a penny less than \$30,000 she owns it absolutely in her own right. It was a gift devised by one who loved here, only recently when she was in the midst of her trouble by the loss of her husband. She is willing to give you a Bond in the sum of \$20,000 which is a very vast sum, permit me to say, and such as I do not think you would demand for such a position but such is her desire to protect her son and such is her desire to keep him in an honorable occupation, that she is willing to do this, having faith in him, and having a desire thoroughly and fully to protect you and the Government, now pray do retract this. It will be no reflection upon your system of acting that you have ordered a retraction under these

circumstances. When you have learned how badly this young man has been dealt with – how unjustly and treacherously he has been treated – how you have been misguided and misinformed - it is the step that I know you will gladly take, as every honorable man would and I know that all the generous sympathies of your nature and that high sense of justice which is the law of your character will not permit you to rest until you have restored this young man. To do this of course, you will have to reflect upon others but as they have done injustice, and mislead you, it is no more than they deserve. This young man ought not to be sacrificed. I submit to you and received for life under all of these circumstances that are undoubted and undenied and are laid before you to secure that justice which it has been the rule of your life to give to all men. I am thus earnest about this, because as I have told you before, how all the Bar who knew Mr. Brinkle felt for him. A man of most refined and elevated tone of mind, cultivated to a high degree of learning as well as elegance, and suffering under afflictions, moral and physical, such as but few men have ever been subjected to – and all without fault in himself, and I feel a respect for his widow because she stood by him in a noble way. I am going away. I will not be here – I am in search of my own health. I am too much dejected and depressed even to have a personal interview with you. But I cannot amidst all this depression abstain from doing my duty by this lady – and standing by her in her trouble and endeavoring to protect her son from what to my mind seems to be an act of very harsh injustice inflicted by evil disposed people who have borne false witness against him and prompted you to do that which you will be too glad to reverse.

I am your friend Benjamin Harris Brewster

To the Honorable Daniel M. Fox U.S. Mint